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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Exemption of Sandhill Connextions, LLC from 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607

Docket No. 2016-311-C

Dear Ms. Boyd,

South Carolina law provides that all telephone utilities that provide retail residential local exchange service and who individually or together with their affiliates, have not invested at least five million dollars in telecommunications facilities in the State of South Carolina are required to file a bond or other security mechanism with the South Carolina Public Service Commission. (26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607).

By this letter, Sandhill Connextions, LLC (the "Company") provides notice that it, together with its affiliate Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative"), has invested at least \$5,000,000 in telecommunications facilities located in South Carolina. As evidence of its financial stability, the Company previously filed the consolidated financial statements of its parent company, the Cooperative, for the years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015 as Exhibit C to its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local and Interexchange Voice Services, and for Alternative Regulation Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-9-575 and 58-9-585 Within

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Certain Areas of the State of South Carolina, in the above-referenced docket. As a result, the Company is exempt from the bond requirement of Regulation 103-607.

If you have any questions or should require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Cc: All Parties of Record